

3. HARSTER: FLEMING said UPHILL had determined that HARSTER was passing himself off as an UPHILLer and had sent a couple of old SS types to the South Tirol to make trouble -- in the belief they were carrying out a mission for UPHILL. The Italians have queried UPHILL re HARSTER and apparently are convinced he is an UPHILLer. FLEMING said he's fairly well convinced that HARSTER is tied up in something that is very much like HACKER, but it still is too early to put all of the pieces together. One thing is clear, HARSTER has extensive active contacts to former SS and SD types, including the likes of Willy BOETTL etc. UPHILL has a former SS guy on the string; he has extensive contacts and thus far all ops testing etc. indicates that he may even be honest and reliable. By the end of the year, if he continues to check out on various test assignments, FLEMING would consider using him in provocation ops against guys like HARSTER.

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